



e-news @ Leigh & Bransford Primary School

Friday 19th May 2022

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****All the months have pretty names, but I like the name of May the best – Leonore Hetick****

Mr Bill, Consultation about joining a MAT - Many thanks to all of you who responded to this, either in writing or in person. We had a range of questions, mainly about financial security and academic standards. We also had a few about the school keeping its own distinctive qualities and being able to retain our focus on learning beyond the classroom and the wellbeing for our community. We believe that the answers that we gave satisfied and reassured on the whole. If anyone wishes to discuss this further, then please find me on one of the school gates where I will be delighted to talk to you.

Mr Bill, Drop off for morning club - Please always ensure that you see your child safely into morning club from 8am onwards. I have had reports of parents dropping off before 8am and driving away leaving children unsupervised. This is not safe.

Mr Bill, Annual questionnaire - As things return to normal again, we have decided to send out our standard parental survey. The results of this will help us to formulate next year's school improvement plan and understand how we can develop as a school. Please find the survey here: https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=jyUd4BS0YE-qQZV_3XZmsOSGpEF58PZHrZ90L0XrHKhUN0pXUkhCTjBaRUFBM1k3VUpJSFA2TDUxMi4u

Mr Bill, Thanks - Many thanks for all of you who have listened to our school council and are now keeping our turning circle clear and safe.

Late arrival into school – If you are running late and your children miss their start time please bring them down to Reception to be marked as present into school. If they have missed the register in class and are sent into class they are essentially in school and we are unaware and they will be initially marked as absent.

Jubilee Celebrations - we are looking forward to celebrating this next Friday 27th May. We have a day planned with fun activities, a picnic, collaborative art and tree planting for the Queen's canopy project. On this day, please send your children in wearing red, white and blue or in clothes that they feel happy in.

Sun cream and sun hats – The sun is starting to shine, please send your children equipped with cream and hats. Please name everything and please ensure your children have a layer of cream on them before they start school when required.

Payment 4 Schools – It seems this is fixed, please revert to using Payment 4 Schools for all payments. No more cash can come through the office.

Redridge (18th – 20th July) – Payment 4 Schools is up and running, any instalments or full amounts are welcome. There will be a meeting to discuss kit lists etc to follow.

Sports Day – This is on 14th June this year, more details to follow.

Year 6 Leavers Performance – Dress rehearsal 6th July, evening performance 7th July (6pm start), 8th July afternoon performance, start time tbc.

Leavers Photos – 9th June, put it in your diaries Year 6 parents.

Leavers Assembly – This year will be on the 15th July 2022.

Chase Induction Day – Wednesday 22nd June, all children going into Year 7 at the Chase next year should receive a letter directly from their new school inviting them to this.

Extra Curricular Clubs - If you are interested in athletics, you must contact Danny on the following email - danielsavusavu@gmail.com

Athletics Club, All year groups - Learn and enjoy the children's Eveque athletics equipment in a safe and fun environment. Run faster, jump higher, throw further! Every Thursday from June, dates are 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th and July 6th, 13th.

After School Club – Please remember to pre-book your children if you require a place. Now that numbers are increasing book as early as possible as often we are reaching our maximum of fifteen. Please be mindful if you cancel on the day you will still be charged (unless it is because of sickness etc.)

Governors Vacancy – Please see the formal letter that came out on Wednesday, the closing date is 9am on the 6th June 2022.

The Governing Board:

*Sets the strategic direction for the school.

*Holds the headteacher to account on finance and outcomes.

*Has nothing to do with the day-to-day running of the school, Governors are eyes on, hands off.

Your commitment:

*6/7 2-hour Full Governing Board meetings a year.

*Pre-reading for meetings – come with questions.

*Induction and ongoing training.

Why do it?

*Collectively governors lead the school; it is a real chance to make a difference in children's lives.

*Governors learn many skills and gain a deep knowledge of the primary education sector; there are plenty of leadership opportunities too.

****Friends Zone****

Sponsored walk - Friday 17/6/22

Sponsor forms will come home in bags next week so the children can start to collect sponsors.

***Save the Date* End of Year BBQ** Friday 1/7/22 from 3.30pm

Look out for more details on this after half term.

The friends would like to run some discos for the children again next year -but we are without a DJ! If you or someone you know might be able to help please speak to one of the friends.

*****Term Dates for your Diary*****

Summer Term – Monday 25th April 2022 – Thursday 21st July 2022

Summer mid-term holiday – Friday 27th May 2022 – Monday 6th June 2022

*****TED Days 2021-2022*****

Monday 27th June 2022

*****TED Days 2022-2023*****

Monday 5th September 2022

Friday 21st October 2022

Tuesday 3rd Jan 2023

Monday 24th July 2023

Tuesday 25th July 2023

*****Bank Holidays 2022*****

Whitsun Bank Holiday – Thursday 2nd June 2022

Additional Bank Holiday – Friday 22nd July 2022 (Please see amended Summer Term end date)

Platinum Jubilee Holiday – Friday 3rd June 2022

Term dates Academic Year 2022/2023

Holiday	School closes on	School re-opens on
Autumn Term	Not Applicable	Monday 5 September 2022
Autumn mid term	Friday 21 October 2022	Monday 31 October 2022
Christmas	Friday 16 December 2022	Tuesday 3 January 2023
Spring mid-term	Friday 17 February 2023	Monday 27 February 2023
Easter	Friday 31 March 2023	Monday 17 April 2023
Summer mid-term	Friday 26 May 2023	Monday 5 June 2023
End of summer term	Tuesday 25 July 2023	Not Applicable

Term dates Academic Year 2022/2023

Holiday	Date
Good Friday	Friday 7 April 2023
Easter Monday	Monday 10 April 2023
May Day	Monday 1 May 2023
Whitsun Bank Holiday	Monday 29 May 2023

Celebrating our Successes and Achievements

Beatrix Potter Writer of the Week Award **Work will be displayed in Reception if you would like to see it**

Reception – Bertie: Fantastic writing in phonics this week.

Class 1 – Pheobe: For improving her writing.

Class 3 – Timmy: For an excellent diary entry.

Class 4 – Morgan: For explaining the reasons why Henry VIII changed the church.

Class 5 – Milly: For a wonderful character description.

Class 6 – Izzy M: For great understanding on apostrophes.

Alan Turing Maths Award

Reception – Zakariya: Making up a brilliant story about adding.

Class 1 – Evie: For being able to find equal and unequal groups.

Class 3 – Joshua: For amazing progress in fractions.

Class 4 – George: For using great reasoning when discussing problems involving decimals.

Class 5 – Lily: For showing a growth mind set with fractions.

Class 6 – Charlie: For trying really hard with his fractions.

Mo Farrah PE Award

Class 4 – Jack B, Riley & Mikey: Developing javelin-throwing skills.

Greta Thunberg Geography Award

Class 3 – Isabella & Edey: For excellent contributions to our sustainability work.

Dr Seuss Reading Award

Class 1 – Mila: For a fantastic effort with her home reading every week.

Morgan Freeman PHSE Award

Class 5 – Ava: For excellent discussion in PHSE related to sun safety.

Determined Dotty

Class 1 – Bella & Martha for making excellent contributions all week

Class 2 – For trying their very best with SAT's, well done!

Class 4 – Henry: For showing great independence.

Class 5 – Stanislav: For being determined in his learning in his first week in school.

Class 6 – Maisy: For always being conscientious.

Respectful Rhian

Class 5 – Max W: For looking after the school environment.